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Week of November 28, 2016

Dispatches From
The Eisenhower Memorial Commission

Eisenhower Memorial Commission Approves Modifications to Design

On December 1, the [Eisenhower Memorial Commission](#) (EMC) held a Commission meeting in the Dirksen Senate Office Building to review recent memorial design modifications. Upon receiving a presentation by Gehry Partners, the Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the Commission to submit the revised design to the [U.S. Commission of Fine Arts](#) and the [National Capital Planning Commission](#).

In a [statement](#), EMC Chairman Senator Pat Roberts noted, "We are pleased with the design modifications recently made by Frank Gehry. We feel they further capture Dwight D. Eisenhower's broad range of contributions to our nation and the world, in times of both war and peace."



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Craig Webb of Gehry Partners presents the modified design to Commissioners, December 1, 2016

From left: Rep. Sanford Bishop, Sen. Joe Manchin, Rep. Mac Thornberry, Rep. Mike Thompson (Vice Chair), Sen. Pat Roberts (Chair), Andy Demetriou (Special Counsel), Carl Reddel (Executive Director), Susan Banes Harris, Al Geduldig, Craig Webb (Gehry Partners)

Salute to Ike's Supporters!

The Commission is pleased to acknowledge Ambassador C. Boyden Gray and Mr. Fred Malek for hosting a luncheon on November 18 to honor Ike's Memorial. The event took place at the Metropolitan Club of Washington, D.C., and included special guests Senator Pat Roberts (Commission Chairman), Senator Bob Dole (Finance Campaign Chairman) and Mr. Frank Fahrenkopf (Advisory Committee Co-Chairman).

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Our congratulations to 2016 recipients of the nation's highest civilian honor, the [Presidential Medal of Freedom](#), Eisenhower Memorial designer Frank Gehry and Eisenhower Memorial Advisory Committee member Tom Hanks!

From the presentation ceremony by President Obama:

"Frank's work teaches us that while buildings may be sturdy and fixed to the ground, like all great art they can lift our spirits, they can soar and broaden our horizons."

"From a Philadelphia courtroom to Normandy's beachheads to the dark side of the moon, [Tom Hanks] has introduced us to America's unassuming heroes. He has allowed us to see ourselves not only as we are, but as we aspire to be. On screen and off, Tom Hanks has honored the sacrifices of those who have served our nation, called on us all to think big and to believe, and inspired a new generation of young people 'to reach for the sky.'"



[VIDEO] [President Obama Awards the Presidential Medal of Freedom](#), courtesy of The White House

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Eisenhower's Eleven-Nation Goodwill Tour



President Eisenhower visits Turkey as part of his Eleven-Nation Goodwill Tour, December 1959, image courtesy of [Magnum Photos](#)

President Eisenhower set a precedent for international personal presidential diplomacy. In December 1959, he traveled 22,000 miles visiting eleven countries, and the Holy See, on three continents as part of his "Mission of Peace and Good Will."

In each nation, Eisenhower was greeted by immense crowds numbering in the millions, illustrating the hope that he symbolized for many in the postwar world. In his travels, Eisenhower hoped to assure people around the world that the United States was sincere in its search for peace and to "enhance confidence in the value of friendship with the United States," especially among the "struggling" and "underprivileged."

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[VIDEO] [Waging Peace, 1953 - Fighting to End All War](#)
 "Eisenhower's presidential diplomacy is an example of his dedication to the pursuit of peace." Watch to learn more about Eisenhower's efforts.

In every country I hope to make widely known America's deepest desire -- a world in which all nations may prosper in freedom, justice, and peace, unmolested and unafraid.

- President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Address to the American People Before Leaving on Good Will Trip, December 3, 1959

Test Your Ike'spertise

Trivia Question: Name three of the eleven countries Ike visited during his Goodwill Tour in 1959.
 (See answer below)

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Trivia Answer: Italy, Turkey, Pakistan, Afghanistan,

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